

Suspect killed, missing policeman's body exhumed in IPOB's camp

② THE Enugu State police command said its operatives killed one person during a raid early Friday morning in a suspected hideout of the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB).

③ The command also said that its operatives recovered the body of one of its missing men, one Mr. Okpanachi Johnson serving in Igbo-Eze North Police Division.

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Okpanachi went missing on July 30, all effort made to trace his whereabouts proving abortive.

The hoodlums had also reportedly invaded a church in the area, carting away a small power-generating set and musical equipment.

Police spokesman Daniel

Ndukwe said in a statement yesterday that the operation was carried out in a forest at Agu-Ibeje in Enugu-Ezike community of Igbo-Eze North council.

"The hoodlums, on sighting the operatives, engaged them in a gun duel, which led to the neutralisation of one of them" while the others escaped.

He added that 12 guns, a large cache of ammunition, two machetes, a digger, one axe and a hacksaw were recovered from the scene.

Also recovered were five vehicles, he said, adding that the operation was in response to a distress call that that IPOB and Eastern Security Network (ESN) members invaded a house in the community and set it ablaze.